

REMARKS

Status of the claims

In his February 26, 2004, Office Action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1 and 4-24 based on obviousness.

Applicant has added new claims 25-31. New claims 25-31 do not add new matter. Written description support for the new claims is provided on pages 9-16 of the specification.

Section 103 Rejections

Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection based on Sevcik.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klatt et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,473,760 B1, entitled "Apparatus for Printing Information Automatically Combined From Two Different Sources."

Klatt et al. was filed on January 10, 2000. It purports to be a continuation of 09/460,307, filed on December 13, 1999.

This application was filed on January 18, 2000. But the invention was long in the making. Applicant conceived of the entire invention as claimed before December 13, 1999, as attested to by the attached swearing-behind affidavit.

Because the Klatt et al. reference does not constitute prior art, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed and passed to issue.

Official Notice

Applicant believes the matters raised on pages 3 and 4 are rendered moot in light of the attached affidavit, and therefore reserves comment on them.

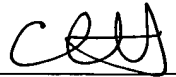
CONCLUSION

Having addressed all matters raised by the Examiner's February 26, 2004, Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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